

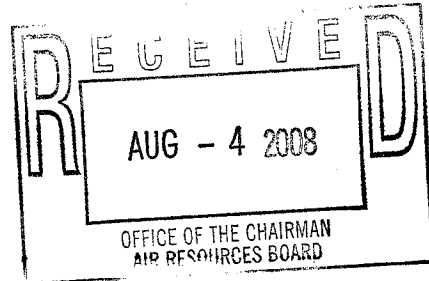


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**Re: Draft Scoping Plan Comments – City of Hayward Department of Community and Economic Development**

Dear Mr. Scheible:

The City of Hayward appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on CARB's June 2008, Draft Scoping Plan. We are in the middle of developing our own Climate Action Plan and we are anxious to see what the CARB will ultimately recommend. We recently reviewed the scoping plan and are pleased to see that it comprehensively addresses the issues surrounding the mitigation of GHG emissions. We felt that the document particularly does a great job of identifying solutions related to advances in clean fuels and renewable energy as well as reducing energy consumption through building design and use of efficient building materials. We were however, surprised that more emphasis was not placed on trip reduction strategies and land use to improve mobility options such as bicycling, walking, and taking transit.

We would like to see a discussion that would include a need and mechanism to increase federal funding to cities/counties to improve infrastructure designed to promote low or zero emission mobility as well as to transit agencies to increase service. As gas prices continue to rise, transit agencies are experiencing ridership increases at 20% and higher in some areas of California. However, they simultaneously are shrinking service because of budget issues. It seems as though investing in this resource would be a cost effective, sustainable choice. Similarly, states have invested billions of dollars in roadway infrastructure, and cities that have been built with a reliance on the automobile are now going to be responsible for change. We will need additional funding to off-set the necessary "retrofitting" of our communities to make mobility options a convenient, realistic alternative to driving in our automobiles.

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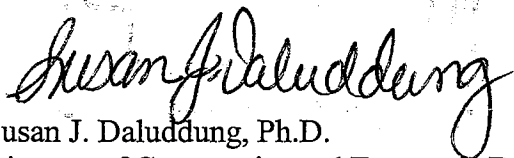
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Thank you for your consideration of our comments. We look forward to being involved in this process of finalizing the Scoping Plan and future plans that will shape California's approach to reducing GHG emissions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Ms. Mary Nichols, Chair, CARB ✓

